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Serial No. 09/439,594

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Examiner: Joyce Tung

Title: DETECTING THE PRESENCE OF SPECIFIC TARGET NUCLEIC ACID SEQUENCES
THROUGH STEM-LOOP FORMATION

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Washington, D.C. 20231

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- b. the attached petition requesting consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement; and
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- b. [] 37 C.F.R. §1.313(b)(5), after the issue fee has been paid and information cited in this Information Disclosure Statement is to be considered in a Continuation application upon abandonment of the instant application and is accompanied by the attached Petition To Withdraw Application From Issue.
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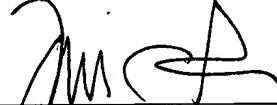
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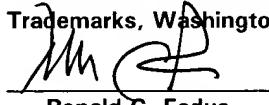
Dear Sirs:

Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§1.97-1.98, and in full compliance with their duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants, through their attorney, are bringing the following three (3) documents to the attention of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and the Examiner handling their above-identified application:

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1. Whitcombe D.M. et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,326,145B1 issued December 4, 2001 [Exhibit 1];
2. Gibson, N.J. et al., U.K. Patent No. GB 2,338,301B issued August 2, 2000 [Exhibit 2]; and
3. Witcombe, D. et al., "Detection of PCR products using self-probing amplicons and fluorescence," Nature Biotechnology 17:804-807 (1999). [Exhibit 3].

Applicants' attorney became aware of the last two above-listed documents, (Exhibits 2 and 3) last month. The first above-listed document (Exhibit 1), came to the undersigned attorney's attention through a subsequent search of the United States Patent and Trademark Office database.

A completed Form PTO-1449 listing the 3 above-submitted documents is also attached hereto as Exhibit 4.

By this voluntary citation of art, Applicants and their attorney are requesting that the documents be made of record in the present application.

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In view of the general and specific features described and claimed in the present application, Applicants respectfully submit that the present invention is neither disclosed nor suggested by the documents referred to above and is thus patentably distinct thereover. Furthermore, Applicants do not believe, and do not submit, by the citation of these references, that these documents, either by

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themselves or in combination with other documents, render the invention *prima facie* obvious under the duty of disclosure rules.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner make the above-submitted documents of record in the instant application. Applicants further request that the Examiner consider these documents as any of them may relate to the instant application.

The fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) for filing this Information Disclosure Statement is \$180.00. The Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge the amount of this fee (and any other fees in connection with this IDS) to Deposit Account No. 05-1135, or to credit any overpayment thereto.

Respectfully submitted,



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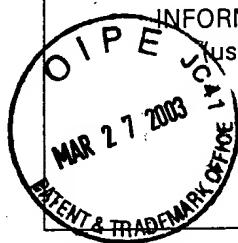
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB CLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	6 3 1 6 1 4 5 B 1	12/04/01	Whitcombe D.M. et al.			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUB CLASS	TRANSLATION YES NO
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OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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